gramme of work for the next year, as proposed at present, consists of the production of Minton tiles, Fire-bricks and Pipes. The tiles are proposed to be used largely in the Rama Varmapuram College buildings under construction, and enquiries from elsewhere are also being received. The Fire-bricks turned out by the factory have this year been officially approved by the Madras Government Cordite Factory, and it can be said that the west coast market will take in our fire-bricks. Stone-ware pipes have come out successful in the factory and a large quantity will be required for the sewage works in the new College construction.

Up-lift of the Depressed Classes.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,09,500 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 96,600. The activities of the Department are proposed to be expanded in all directions—in regard to colonies, educational progress, etc., and hence the increase.

A new major head of account has been, as already mentioned by me elsewhere, opened called 'State Conveyances' to represent the expenditure incurred on account of the maintenance of cars, boats, horses and carriages, etc., in accordance with the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee.

A Reserve Fund.—Last year in concluding my statement before the Council I observed that 'we are open to a criticism, and rightly too, that we are not building a reserve to the extent of an year's income to be drawn upon on emergencies only as is done in other progressive sister States. The balance at our disposal, as already explained, could not admit of this at present, but the Government may be able to build up one with the present amounts in long-term securities, etc., as a nucleus.' Pending a definite decision regarding the financial involvements of the Darbar in connection with the development of the Harbour and the construction of the Broad Gauge Railway, the idea has not yet fructified.

Cranganur.

Before I resume my seat, I shall, as usual, offer a few remarks on the Cranganur Budget also.

The actual transactions of 1104 resulted in a small surplus of Rs. 3,015, the gross receipts and expenditure having been Rs. 1,95,862 and Rs. 1,92,847 respectively, though according to the revised estimates of the year it was expected that the year would close with a deficit of Rs. 2,270.

In the budget estimate of the current year we anticipated a revenue of Rs. 1,99,640 and the expenditure was fixed at Rs. 2,00,980, thus leaving a deficit of Rs. 1,340. Though the revised estimate expects an improvement of Rs. 9,090 in receipts,

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